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C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 3747

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SUBJECT: POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS: CDS PLANS TO FORCE
PLATFORM

REF: (A) LISBON 3622 (DTG 070941Z MAY 77), (B) LISBON 3325
(DTG 281505Z APR 77), (C) LISBON 3619 (DTG 061649Z MAY 77)

SUMMARY: CDS SECRETARY-GENERAL BASILIO HORTA SAID THE CDS
IS PREPARED TO OFFER A CENSURE MOTION IF THE GOVERNMENT
DOES NOT ACCEPT ITS PROPOSAL FOR FORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON
A COMMON PLATFORM. THE CDS LEADER EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION
THAT THE PS HAD DEALT THE CDS OUT OF RECENT NEGOTIATIONS
OVER LEGISLATION, AND WAS ANXIOUS TO FORCE A FORMAL AND
LASTING AGREEMENT WITH THE GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.
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1. CDS TO FORCE SHOWDOWN: CDS SECRETARY-GENERAL BASILIO
HORTA TOLD EMBOFF MAY 10 THAT THE CENTER DEMOCRATS WOULD
STEP UP THEIR OPPOSITION IF MARIO SOARES DID NOT HEED
FREITAS DO AMARAL'S MAY 5 "ULTIMATUM" FOR PS CONSULTATIONS
WITH PSD AND CDS ON A PLATFORM OF UNDERSTANDING (REF A).
HORTA SAID IF THE GOVERNMENT DOES NOT BEGIN PUBLIC NEGOTIA-

TIONS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH THE PSD AND CDS ON THE SHAPE OF PRIORITY LEGISLATION, THE CDS WOULD CHALLENGE THE GOVERNMENT TO SEEK A CONFIDENCE MOTION IN THE ASSEMBLY. SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT REFUSE, THE CDS WOULD PROPOSE A CENSURE MOTION AND THEN CONVOKE AN ANTI-GOVERNMENT DEMONSTRATION ON THE EVE OF THE SPANISH ELECTIONS. CDS, ANTICIPATING CENTRIST VICTORY IN SPAIN, SEES DEMONSTRATIONS AS SIGNIFICANT EMBARRASSMENT TO GOP. HORTA SAID THAT HENRIQUE GRENADAIRO, CHIEF OF PRESIDENT EANE'S CIVIL HOUSEHOLD, HAD CONFIRMED THAT THE PRESIDENT INTENDED TO ISSUE A SERIOUS WARNING TO THE GOVERNMENT IN HIS APRIL 25 SPEECH (REF B). HORTA SAID THE CDS DECISION TO PRESS THE GOVERNMENT WAS TAKEN IN VIEW OF THE PRESIDENT'S SIMILAR RESOLVE AND THE FACE OF PRESSURE FROM RANK AND FILE FOR THE CDS TO ASSUME A TOUGHER OPPOSITION ROLE.

2. CUNHAL ON MONDALE VISIT: PCP SECRETARY-GENERAL ALVARO CUNHAL COMMENTED ON VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S VISIT AND OTHER TOPICS DURING A MAY 10 PRESS CONFERENCE. CUNHAL SAID:
-- MONDALE VISIT: "WE CONSIDER THE MONDALE VISIT NORMAL AMONG TWO NATIONS WHICH MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. PERHAPS THIS IS NOT THE BEST TIME FOR THE VISIT. IT WOULD BE GOOD IF MONDALE COULD SAY WHILE IN LISBON THAT WE ARE DISPOSED TO ASSIST PORTUGAL FINANCIALLY, BUT WE DO NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN ANY WAY IN ITS INTERNAL AFFAIRS."
-- BELGRADE CONFERENCE: "THE PCP HOPES THAT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE WILL PLAY A POSITIVE ROLE IN CONTINUING THE RESULTS ACHIEVED IN HELSINKI AND THAT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE PREJUDICED BY CAMPAIGNS WHICH ARE DEVELOPING TO
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PREVENT A POSITIVE RESULT."
-- ATTACKS ON GOVERNMENT: THE SOARES GOVERNMENT IS EFFECTIVELY ALLIED WITH THE PSD AND CDS IN IMPLEMENTING CAPITALIST RECOVERY, "THE ILLEGAL RESTITUTION OF LANDS AND BUSINESSES" AND IN PASSING A LAW ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS WHICH AFFECTS NATIONALIZATIONS." THE PCP WILL NOT PROPOSE A CENSURE MOTION BECAUSE IT DOES NOT WANT A PSD OR CDS GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMENT: THE CDS WAS PARTICULARLY ANNOYED BY PS-PSD COOPERATION ON LAW DEFINING THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS (REF C). HORTA SAID THE LAW WAS QUITE ACCEPTABLE, BUT EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION THAT THE PS HAD NOT CONSULTED WITH THE CENTER DEMOCRATS DESPITE EARLIER CDS COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT. IN PUBLIC REACTIONS TO DATE, MARIO SOARES AND PS LEADER JAIME GAMA WERE NOT RECEPTIVE TO FREITAS

O AMARAL'S PROPOSAL FOR FORMAL CONSULTATIONS. THE CDS, HOWEVER, WILL CONTINUE TO SEEK TO FORCE THE GOVERNMENT'S HAND.

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